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1. JULY 29 BLITZ CARRIED THE FOLLOWING STORY:

"OPIUM RACKET"

THE U.S. EMBASSY AT NEW DELHI HAS CALLED AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATING AGENCY TO CONDUCT A TOP SECRET INQUIRTY INTO THE EXTENT OF NAROCITIC SMUGGLING OUT OF INDIA ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS THAT THE ANNUAL OPIUM YIELD HAS RECENTLY FALLEN BY 10 KG PER METER IN THE 20,000 ODD METERS OF GROUND UNDER POPPY CULTIVATION IN THE COUNTRY, WHICH LEADS TO THE SUSPICION THATTHE YIELD IS PLAYED DOWN IN ORDER TO SMUGGLE 200,000 KGS ABROAD."

2. IN RESPONSE TO AP INQUIRY, WE HAVE SAID THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE STORY.MOYNIHAN UNCLASSIFIED

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